

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION**

ANTONIO HERNANDEZ PADILLA, §
#1009251, §
Petitioner, §
§
v. § CIVIL NO. 3:17-CV-3058-B-BK
§
LORIE DAVIS, Director TDCJ-CID, §
Respondent. §

**FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION
OF THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Pursuant to [28 U.S.C. § 636\(b\)](#) and *Special Order 3*, this case was referred to the United States magistrate judge for pretrial management. For the reasons that follow, this action should be **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** for want of prosecution.

I. BACKGROUND

On October 26, 2017, Petitioner Antonio Hernandez Padilla filed a motion in cause number 3:12-CV-4278-B-BK requesting that the judgment in that previously closed habeas case be “acquitted, reversed, remanded and or vacated” so that he could raise a “a colorable claim.” [Dkt. 30.](#) On November 6, 2017, the Court denied the motion and directed the Clerk to open this new habeas action. [Dkt. 31.](#)

Subsequently, on November 8, 2017, the Court issued a deficiency order, advising Petitioner that, insofar as he was seeking to pursue a new federal habeas corpus petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2254, he must complete and return a petition for writ of habeas corpus on the appropriate form with a motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* or the \$5.00 filing fee. [Doc. 5.](#) The deadline for Petitioner’s response was December 6, 2017. *Id.* As of the date of this

recommendation, however, Petitioner has not responded to the Court's order, nor has he sought an extension of time to do so.

II. ANALYSIS

Rule 41(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure allows a court to dismiss an action *sua sponte* for failure to prosecute or for failure to comply with the federal rules or any court order.

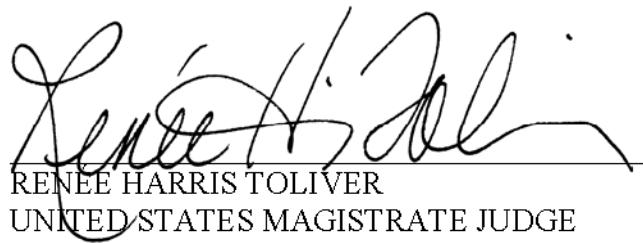
Larson v. Scott, 157 F.3d 1030, 1031 (5th Cir. 1998). “This authority flows from the court’s inherent power to control its docket and prevent undue delays in the disposition of pending cases.” *Boudwin v. Graystone Ins. Co., Ltd.*, 756 F.2d 399, 401 (5th Cir. 1985) (citing *Link v. Wabash R.R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626 (1962)).

Petitioner has been given ample opportunity to respond to the Court’s order. He has impliedly refused or declined to do so. Therefore, this action should be dismissed without prejudice for lack of prosecution. *See FED. R. CIV. P. 41(b)* (an involuntary dismissal “operates as an adjudication on the merits,” unless otherwise specified).

III. RECOMMENDATION

For the foregoing reasons, it is recommended that this action be **DISMISSED** **WITHOUT PREJUDICE** for want of prosecution.¹

SIGNED January 3, 2018.

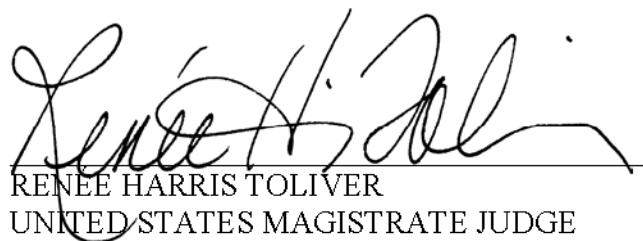


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¹ The 1996 amendments to the habeas corpus statute impose a one-year statute of limitations for filing habeas corpus petitions in federal court, *see 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)*, which is applicable to this petition as well as to any other petition that Petitioner files in this Court.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SERVICE AND
NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL/OBJECT**

A copy of this report and recommendation will be served on all parties in the manner provided by law. Any party who objects to any part of this report and recommendation must file specific written objections within 14 days after being served with a copy. *See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); FED. R. CIV. P. 72(b)*. In order to be specific, an objection must identify the specific finding or recommendation to which objection is made, state the basis for the objection, and specify the place in the magistrate judge's report and recommendation where the disputed determination is found. An objection that merely incorporates by reference or refers to the briefing before the magistrate judge is not specific. Failure to file specific written objections will bar the aggrieved party from appealing the factual findings and legal conclusions of the magistrate judge that are accepted or adopted by the district court, except upon grounds of plain error. *See Douglass v. United Services Automobile Ass'n, 79 F.3d 1415, 1417 (5th Cir. 1996), modified by statute, 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)* (extending the time to file objections from ten to fourteen days).



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